

Home Visits Policy

Based on Model Policy	
Review Body	
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Review Frequency	Bi-annually

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Ludwick Nursery School is committed to:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

Eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between different groups. These factors were considered in the formation and review of this policy and will be adhered to in its implementation and application across the whole school community.

Promoting the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs: any school member or visitor expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including “extremist” views, will be actively challenged.

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HOME VISITS POLICY

**Ludwick Nursery School
Holwell Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. AL7 3RP.**

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full bi-annually.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body in
September 2022.

It is due for review in September 2024.

Signature: 

Date: 09.09.2022

Head Teacher

Signature: Stefanie Murphy

Date: 22.09.2022

Chair of Governors

Home visits are optional and are only to take place with prior arrangement and agreement of parents/carers.

Aims of Home Visits

- To establish trusting relationships with the parents/carers that are beneficial to the child's education.
- For the children to observe the staff as welcomed adults in their home environment enhancing the practitioner– child relationship.
- To promote an understanding of the value of early years education.
- To enable parents to view their role in the child's education as a partnership.
- To gather relevant information about the child that will ease their transition from home to school.
- For staff to gain knowledge about varied family practices, cultures and histories and that all families are very different, supporting staff in understanding each unique child.

Visiting Arrangements

When to visit

Close to the time when the child will start at Nursery, including Tree Tops (for September intake this will be at the beginning of term).

Length of visit

The visit will be restricted to 30 minutes. Parents will be informed of this when appointments are made.

Who will visit?

The visits will be made by the Key Person and an assistant whenever possible. The Key Person should discuss information with the parent/carer. They should both generally engage and interact with the child.

Visit Preparations

- Prepare and take any outstanding paperwork and medical forms.
- Photos of staff if needed.
- Transition book if needed.

Outline of the visit

Staff to ensure that all information is completed. Discuss any information pertinent to the child, particularly medical information/home circumstances.

If the child has medical needs then appropriate forms should be completed during visit.

Discuss any questions, including those arising from brochures and parents meeting/visits.

Admissions Procedure

Clarification of the admissions procedure. Staff to ensure the parents/carers understand when their child should start. Emphasise the importance of regular attendance and arriving on time.

Additional Information

Staff to be sensitive to individual/cultural differences – for example, some families will appreciate it if you offer to take your shoes off before walking into their home.

Always ask permission before you take photographs.

It is likely that you will be offered drinks and even food. People often feel good about being able to offer you something. Think about what your approach to this will be.

Televisions are often left on during the day at home, even when visitors arrive. Think about how to approach this. It can be best to settle in a little first, and then ask for it to be switched off/turned down before you start any activity with a child. Think in advance how you will phrase this request.

Staff to follow guidelines in 'Home Visits Risk Assessment'. Lone visits only to be made in exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Headteacher.